

IN MEMORY OF THE FATHERS

Battle of Kings Mountain Commemorated With Grand Monument—Day of Speech-Making and Patriotic Pride.

King's Mountain Battle Ground, Special.—Thousands of people journeyed Thursday on a patriotic pilgrimage. The battleground of King's Mountain was the shrine of their seeking. Here in the presence of the official heads of North and South Carolina two United States Senators and two Representatives in Congress—besides others prominent in the officialdom of two States, official dedication was accorded the King's Mountain monument—a signal recognition by the Congress of the United States of the valorous part played in the war of independence by the soldiers of the south.

It was a day of many features. Presided over by Gov. Marin F. Ansel of South Carolina, the exercises of the morning which were prolonged into the afternoon were entirely interesting. Undoubtedly they were to the audience gathered from a vast expanse of many counties in two or more Commonwealths. For never before did such an audience, of whom the majority stood the entire time, listen for three hours and a half to constant making of speeches without the slightest exhibition of restlessness.

Never had lonesome Kings Mountain been host to such a concourse. For a day or two in advance stragglers had been coming in wagons, harbingers of the hosts to follow. From Gaston, from Cleveland, from York, from Chester, from Spartanburg, from Mecklenburg, from McDowell, from Cabarrus, from Lancaster, from Union, even from Buncombe they had come, the earliest arrivals pitching camp by the roadside and in the woods in true pioneer fashion.

Before dawn an endless stream of carriages and buggies and wagons were rattling and rumbling along the winding ways. Three roads, that from Kings Mountain, that from Grover and that from Yorkville had been put in excellent condition by public appropriations and private subscriptions inspired by civic pride.

Contributing most brightly to the animation of the occasion was the delegation of Daughters of the American Revolution from Charlotte, from Yorkville and other places. The Charlotte delegation, of course, included the delegates who were there attending the North Carolina Congress of that organization. It is doubtful if ever before so many representatives of feminine culture, refinement and loyal patriotism climbed breathlessly the cliff which the plateau overtops.

Seven companies of the national guard of North and South Carolina were present. Friday they reproduced the battle of Kings Mountain with the deathless cartridges. One of these companies is from North Carolina, the Dallas company, under the command of Capt. A. L. Bullwinkle. The others are respectively from Rock Hill, Fort Mill, Columbia, Cornwall, Yorkville and Spartanburg. In command of these provisional troops

Port Arthur, Tex., Special.—Waterlogged, dismantled and with the decks barely above the water, as she was being towed by the Guffey Company steamer Winifred, the Kate Flore, Capt. Whitney, from Mobile to Cuban ports, limped into port Friday with what was left of the crew in the throes of starvation. Of the crew of seven which sailed from Mobile, Friday night five are in the hospital

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY IS STILL DUBIOUS

Washington, Special.—The following resolution was adopted at the meeting of the board of managers of the National Geographical Society held at Hubbard Memorial Hall as an introduction to the reports of Dr. F. A. Cook and Commander R. E. Peary, to be printed in the magazine of the society:

"We print herewith the reports of Dr. F. A. Cook and Commander R. E. Peary announcing the discovery of the North Pole April 21, 1908, and April 6, 1909. Before the society can,

WESTERN TRAINS COLLIDE AND KILL SEVENTEEN

Topeka, Kan., Special.—Seventeen persons were killed and ten severely injured in a collision between a freight train and a construction train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad near here Friday. The dead are eleven Mexicans, four section foremen and two brakemen. It is believed some of the injured are fatally injured. The work train was backing into Topeka with fifty Mexicans riding on the flat cars. As the train was

was Col. W. W. Lewis of the First Infantry. In general charge of the whole exercises was Col. J. C. Boyd of Columbia, S. C., Adjutant General.

The monument is the third erected in honor of the heroes of this turning point of the revolutionary struggle. Col. Asbury Coward, chairman of the executive committee, in presenting Gov. Ansel to preside over the meeting said:

"This beautiful day ushers in a day rendered glorious for the deed accomplished on October 8, 1780. It is the most notable that can be found in all our annals.

"It is peculiarly a matter of compelling pride because the result of the battle was due to the spontaneous initiative of the plain people of that whole section and others contributing of their men to the American forces on that occasion. It was here on this lonely spot that the representative of a foreign power was overthrown and a triumph achieved which laid the foundation for the realization of the Declaration of Independence and the existence of the United States—the repository of all our liberties.

"The dead were left unburied after the battle and the place was avoided as haunted territory. Then, about 30 years later, the neighbors came again, buried them at the foot of a stone which recorded their deeds in simple language. In 1855 the counties recognized the significance of what had happened and gathered to give expression to appreciation. Men like John S. Preston and the great historian Bancroft, spoke with eloquence of the part played by the men at Kings Mountain. Later came the other monument. And so the recognition has spread. First the neighbors then the counties, then the State and now the United States has placed its seal of approval and appreciation."

The monument first erected is a simple soapstone slab. The second is much more pretentious in monumental form, and is quite creditable. The third for which Congress appropriated \$30,000, is a granite shaft 83-1/2 feet high, with inscriptions as follows:

On the north and front face:
Erected by the
Government of the United States of America,

to the establishment of which the heroism and patriotism of those who participated in this battle so largely contributed.

West face:

To commemorate the victory of King's Mountain, October 7, 1780.

On the east face the names of the killed, the mortally wounded and the less seriously wounded are inscribed.

President Snyder of Wofford College was the orator of the day. He was measurably brief but eloquent and historic to the delight of the vast assembly.

Senator Overman and Gov. Kitchin of North Carolina. Senator Smith and Congressman D. E. Finley of South Carolina each addressed the enthusiastic audience. Congressman Webb was detained at home by sickness of his son and his address was read by Congressman Page, his colleague in Congress.

The whole occasion was the execution of a program most inspiring to young patriots and pride inspiring to the descendants of the heroes whose noble deeds the handsome shaft stands as a perpetual memorial.

THEY WERE PERISHING

with slight chances of recovery, while another was washed overboard in the recent hurricane, and a second died of starvation shortly before and came to the helpless vessel, washed hundreds of miles out of her course.

The Kate Flore sailed from Mobile about September 12, with a cargo of lumber for Cuban ports. Encountering the hurricane, the boat was stripped to the decks and waterlogged.

however, accept the conclusions of either Commander Peary or Dr. Cook that the North Pole has been attained it will be necessary that the scientific records and data of each explorer be carefully examined by its committee on research or by somebody or commission acceptable to the board.

"The society takes this position, not from any distrust of the personal integrity of either explorer, but because of the many calculations that enter into the determination of the pole."

ONE KILLED IN ACCIDENT ON T. & N. C. RAILROAD

Knoxville, Tenn., Special.—Three coaches of a passenger train on the Tennessee & North Carolina railroad left the rails at a point ten miles south of Maryville late Friday and rolled down an embankment, seriously injuring two and bruising all of the remaining twenty passengers. David Ridge, a Blount county farmer, died as a result of his injuries. All members of the train crew except the engineer and fireman were injured.

COTTON CROP NOT SO GOOD

Most Unfavorable Report Issued by the Department of Agriculture at This Season of the Year in Many Years.

Washington, Special.—The most unfavorable report on the condition of the cotton crop issued by the Department of Agriculture at this season of the year for many years has just been made public. Financial and weather conditions combined to make the report unfavorable.

The official report indicates that on September 25 the condition of the cotton crop was only 58.5 per cent. of normal, as compared with 63.7 per cent. on August 25, 1909; 69.7 on September 25, 1908, 67.7 on September 25, 1907, and 67 per cent. on that average for ten years on August 25, 1909.

After the announcement by the Department of Agriculture of the figures recording the average for this month, Dr. S. A. Knapp, chief of the co-operative demonstration work for the Department of Agriculture in the south, after the conference with Secretary Wilson, said that the serious falling off in the figures, especially for Louisiana and Mississippi, were due to two conditions. One was the excessive rainfall in the early part of the cotton crop season, followed by a serious drought and the second was the failure of cotton planters to obtain advances on their crops from bankers. The latter reason forced the planters to dismiss a considerable part of their labor at a time when the boll weevil was a most serious pest.

Dr. Knapp gives reasons. Dr. Knapp stated that another reason which induced a falling off in the general average of Louisiana, was that there was practically 30 per cent. less of acreage in cotton than in previous years.

The boll weevil did serious damage during the past year in the southwestern quarter of Mississippi.

"In my judgment," said Knapp, "the really serious trouble, which applies to all of the cotton States, was brought about by the excessive rainfall in the early part of the season and the excessive drought in the latter part. In some of the States planters scarcely could obtain water enough for their live stock. This was particularly true of Texas and Oklahoma. What is known as the New Orleans storm, which passed up through portions of Louisiana and western Mississippi, blew out immense quantities of cotton and served seriously to detract from the excellence of the crop."

Secretary Wilson declined to make any statement regarding the figures given out by his department. He said that he could talk about the wheat crop, about the condition of cattle in the west and about almost anything else but cotton. He said that Dr. Knapp knew more about the cotton crop from practical observance of conditions in the south than any other man in the department, and he had nothing to add to the statement made by him.

Comparisons of conditions by States on September 25 and the 10-year average follow:

	1909	1908	10-yr. Av.
Virginia.....	71	78	75
North Carolina ..	70	69	70
South Carolina ..	70	68	69
Georgia.....	71	68	69
Florida.....	67	72	71
Alabama.....	62	70	67
Mississippi.....	53	70	68
Louisiana.....	39	55	67
Texas.....	52	71	63
Arkansas.....	54	70	67
Tennessee.....	68	78	72
Missouri.....	72	70	74
Oklahoma.....	55	70	69
United States....	58.5	69.7	67

Curtiss Makes a Flight.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.—Under adverse conditions, Glenn H. Curtiss, by a flight in his bi-plane late Friday afternoon in Forest park, received the applause and cheers of the many thousands of persons who had waited for hours for the wind to slacken. George Francois Ozmont and Hugh Robinson of St. Louis attempted to make their machine fly but failed. Ozmont, after Curtiss had made his successful flight, tried a second time and his machine was damaged by striking the ground, but he was uninjured.

Four Persons Burnt to Death.

Nashville, Tenn., Special.—Fire broke out here Friday morning while occupants of the house were asleep. Four of the fire companies arrived on the scene, but in spite of heroic efforts to enter their apartment in the face of flames bursting from the windows, every member of the Fishman family but one perished. Miss Rachael Markeson, the other victim, lived in same apartment.

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CHESTER'S CORN YIELD

Farmer Raises 71.9 Bushels on One Acre Result of Demonstration Work.

Chester, Special.—Mr. J. L. Miller, a prosperous farmer of the county, entered at the first of the year the contest for the prize offered by the agricultural department of the State for the largest yield of corn on one acre. The corn has been gathered and measurement was made by a committee of disinterested though competent farmers. They declare the result to be 71.9 bushels—the largest yield yet known in the county. The corn was cultured according to the directions furnished by Dr. Seaman A. Knapp' co-operation farm demonstration work, for which Mr. R. L. Cunningham, one of Chester county's very best farmers is agent. This demonstration work has been practiced in this county for several years and has brought forth good results.

Both Participants Fined.

Spartanburg, Special.—As a sequel to the difficulty between Charles O. Hearon, editor of The Herald, and C. O. Smith, a former dispenser, which occurred here Monday, each participant was fined \$2.50 in the mayor's court for disorderly conduct Wednesday. Smith offered two witnesses and Mr. Hearon expressed himself as being satisfied with their statement of the case. The evidence was to the effect that Smith had followed Hearon into the store where the difficulty occurred and demanded an explanation of Mr. Hearon as to the use of his (Smith's) name in the paper, which being refused, he started to curse the editor, the cursing being interrupted by a blow by Mr. Hearon.

Crushed to Death Under Log.

Greenville, Special. — Meredith Gossett, aged 40, was instantly killed near his home near Marietta Saturday morning by being crushed beneath a log weighing 3,000 pounds. Gossett and companions were sawing the log in half on a hillside, Gossett being on the down side. As the saw penetrated deeper the log became weaker and finally broke. The chock which was holding the log in its position on the hill flew out, striking Gossett in the breast and knocking him down the hill and before Gossett could move had crushed him to death. He was a prominent farmer in that section and was unmarried, but leaves many relatives.

Juror Perry Fined.

Columbia, Special.—Judge Memminger disposed of the contempt proceedings growing out of the John Black mistrial case of last week. He fined Juror J. D. Perry, who communicated with his clerk, C. M. Dorn, from the hotel window where the jury was confined, \$25 and ordered that he also forfeit his pay as a juror. Mr. Dorn was fined \$10. The remainder of the jury, whose pay he had held up, he ordered the clerk to pay. Judge Memminger announced his decision without comment, and Messrs. Perry and Dorn received their punishment quietly and sadly.

To Make Wood Alcohol.

Georgetown, Special.—The E. I. Dupont Powder company have effected arrangements whereby they will locate a plant here for the purpose of making wood alcohol. The plant will be located near the large mills of the Atlantic Coast Lumber corporation, from which they will obtain the material for making the alcohol. Work has already begun on the plant, and it is said that operation will commence about the first of the year. This is a fine enterprise for Georgetown.

Nightwatchman Shot From Ambush.

Bolton, Special.—L. V. B. Simmons, a watchman, while attending to his duties at Makatoka, one of the camps of the Wacamaw Lumber Company, was shot by some person in ambush. He is not seriously injured, though 27 bird shot took effect, principally in the right leg. Sheriff Knox made an investigation, but no arrest was made.

Train Wrecks Auto; No One Hurt.

Greenville, Special.—An automobile belonging to Dr. Stevenson of Greer was completely wrecked Wednesday morning near Taylors by train No. 39. No one was injured. The occupants of the car were about to cross the track at the mouth of a cut and were not aware of the approach of the train until too late to save the car. By hastily jumping they saved their lives, but the car was caught in the middle of the track and completely demolished. Two men were driving the car.

To Rebuild Burned College.

Columbia, Special.—Plans were made last week at the meeting of the executive committee of the board of trustees of the Columbia college for immediate reconstruction of the buildings recently destroyed by fire. Architects Shand & LaFave were employed for the work, and the buildings will be along the line of previous construction, although there will be some changes that will add to their beauty.

INSURANCE TAXES

Amount Received By Each County in the Distribution.

Columbia, Special.—Commissioner McMaster last week issued a statement on the collections of "Additional license fee," based on premiums collected by the insurance companies licensed to do business in South Carolina from the six months ending June 30, 1909. The amount is \$50,418.71.

The following is the statement of amount of this fund going to each county according to the term of the act of the General Assembly:

Abbeville.....	\$ 339.45
Aiken.....	594.93
Anderson.....	1,465.53
Bamberg.....	241.67
Barnwell.....	357.54
Beaufort.....	242.59
Berkeley.....	168.76
Calhoun.....	78.81
Charleston.....	4,446.29
Cherokee.....	272.24
Chester.....	433.39
Chesterfield.....	265.47
Clarendon.....	294.35
Colleton.....	211.02
Darlington.....	544.22
Dorchester.....	271.55
Edgefield.....	234.61
Fairfield.....	244.47
Florence.....	559.56
Georgetown.....	651.38
Greenville.....	1,303.44
Greenwood.....	540.34
Hampton.....	220.95
Horry.....	196.74
Kershaw.....	329.05
Lancaster.....	388.66
Laurens.....	533.32
Lee.....	187.63
Lexington.....	253.05
Marion.....	663.40
Marlboro.....	632.65
Newberry.....	590.24
Oconee.....	215.51
Orangeburg.....	825.67
Pickens.....	210.79
Richland.....	2,238.73
Saluda.....	89.60
Spartanburg.....	1,543.54
Sumter.....	872.92
Union.....	542.60
Williamsburg.....	259.49
York.....	656.38

F. H. McMaster,

Insurance Commissioner.

L. M. G.

Burglars Are Caught.

Lancaster, Special.—There has been a series of burglaries in Lancaster the past week, but at the request of the police department and Sheriff Hunter no mention had been made of the matter in order to enable the officers to work up the case. On Sunday night the store of the Heath-Jones Company was robbed of twenty-one dollars and fifty cents; also the store of the Makie Drug Company was entered and about four dollars was taken from the cash drawer.

Yesterday Sheriff John P. Hunter started on the trail of the burglar, and in a short while had Will Elliott and Henry Brye in the toils. Elliott making a full confession, stating that he had secreted himself in the store of the Heath-Jones Company and had secured the money in the cash drawer and later, with the assistance of Henry Bryce, who lifted him over the transom of the J. F. Mackle Company, he robbed the cash drawer also.

Foster Protests Innocence.

Spartanburg, Special.—Dock Foster, who is held in the county jail under suspicion of having murdered his wife, Martha Foster, and buried her mutilated body in a woodland on the suburbs of the city, submitted to an interview, but would answer few questions. "God knows I am an innocent man," he repeated time and time again. He has not explained his movements on Tuesday and Tuesday night.

Young Man Killed on Grade Crossing.

Greenville, Special.—Asa Batson, a young white man, was instantly killed and his father, W. Y. Batson, was slightly injured near Marietta last week by the Greenville & Knoxville train, the accident occurring as the two were trying to cross the track in a wagon. The train was coming around a curve and was not seen by the men until it was upon them.

Left His Child; Fined \$200.

Spartanburg, Special.—H. A. Sack, money delivery clerk of the Southern Express Company at Savannah, entered a plea of guilty to the charge of deserting his child in this city Saturday night. He was sentenced to serve nine months or pay a fine of \$200. He paid the fine. The case against Mrs. Sack, charged with deserting the child, was nolle prossed. Sack says that his wife was nervous and excited and when she took the train here last Saturday night, left the child in the waiting room of the station.

Girl Beater Found Guilty.

Spartanburg, Special.—L. A. Matthews, a well known citizen, who on September 9, whipped Miss Elizabeth Morrow, his adopted daughter, inflicting injuries that came near causing her death, was found guilty on the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill. He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$800 or serve eighteen months at hard labor. The prisoner broke down and wept when sentence was passed upon him.

PALMETTO HAPPENINGS

News Notes of General Interest From All Parts of the State.

SOUTHERN TEXTILE ASSOCIATION.

Fourth Regular Meeting of This Growing Organization of Cotton Mill Men to Be Held in Raleigh, N. C., Wednesday, Oct. 20.

The Fall meeting of the Southern Textile Association will be held in Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday, Oct. 20th. As this will be at the time of the North Carolina State Fair the sessions of the association will be held in the morning and at night, giving time in the afternoon for visiting the fair and looking through the Textile Department of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, which consists of a fully equipped model mill with competent instructors who take an active interest in the work of the association and will render assistance in any possible way to make the meeting of interest and value to every mill man who may attend.

The program of the association will include addresses and papers on Weaving—by Prof. William Nelson, formerly instructor in the Low-ell Textile School.

The Spinning Frame—by Supt. T. F. Cuddy, of Clio, S. C.

The Card Room—by Supt. Alfred N. Landau, formerly of the Maginnis Mill, New Orleans, La.

Power Economy in Mills—by Chief Engineer G. F. King, of King's Mountain.

Humidifiers—by Mr. W. P. Hazelwood, of Atlanta.

Care of the Operatives' Health—by Supt. A. S. Winslow, of Clinton, S. C.

The Southern Textile Association composed chiefly of superintendents and overseers of departments in the actual work of cotton manufacturing had its birth in a meeting held in Charlotte last fall which was attended by a number of representative men in these lines, chiefly from North and South Carolina.

A permanent organization was effected with provision for holding meetings quarterly; and the next regular meeting held at Greenville in April was attended by large delegations from the leading mill towns of the Carolinas with representatives from other Southern States.

The meeting at Spartanburg in July was the largest yet held when the attendance was over two hundred, the membership at that time and by additions since having grown to considerably more than 300.

Lake City Tobacco Sales.

Lake City, Special.—The official reports filed with Commissioner Watson by the three Lake City warehouses show tobacco sales for September 1,738,406 pounds, which sold for \$165,937. Sales in the Lake City market this season aggregate to the close of September 4,793,598 pounds, selling for \$390,970.34. The aggregate deposits in the Lake City banks as given by cashiers on September 30 were \$468,149.81, less than \$9,000 of which was county, school, dispensary, estate money or funds under court control.

The aggregate value of tobacco, cotton and cottonseed sold this season to September 30 is \$902,000. This is exclusive of \$50,000 worth of berries and truck shipped during spring. The official record shows 3,065 bales of cotton shipped and 750 tons of cotton seed. The cotton production of this section will largely exceed that of last year.

John Wallace Sentenced.

Darlington, Special.—John Wallace was Wednesday afternoon sentenced to be hanged Friday, December 10, for the murder of John Grooms, at Lumber last July, motion for new trial having been withdrawn by Mr. T. E. Stokes, who represented the defendant by appointment of the court.

Cured of Pellagra in Laurens County.

Laurens, Special.—According to a statement from her father-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Pitts, who lives in this county, near Ware Shoals, has been cured of pellagra. Mr. J. Y. Pitts of the Poplar Springs section of the county, father-in-law of Mrs. E. E. Pitts, in speaking of the case, stated that complete and permanent cure had been effected by Dr. J. L. Donnan of Ware Shoals, and that there was no doubt as to the nature of the disease. A number of authorities were consulted, among them Dr. J. W. Babcock of Columbia.

Telephone Man is Electrocuted.

Greenville, Special.—At noon Thursday while lineman L. R. Livingston of the Bell Telephone Company was working on a main street cable he was electrocuted, falling from the top of a 70-foot pole to the pavement below. Livingston came here from Asheville.